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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

JONAS W. PIPER,
WILLIAM B. HODGE,
JOHN L. GOLDSMITH.

TREASURER.

IRA BANFIELD.

TOWN CLERK.

FORREST W. PEAVEY.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST.

JOSEPH P. HEATH,
JOSEPH LEWANDO,
JOHN A. CHAMBERLAIN.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN G. CATE.

REPRESENTATIVES.

GEORGE F. HORNE,
JAMES H. MARTIN.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following is the amount of money voted for the year 1884:

To pay each fireman legally returned \$5 in addition to that prescribed by law.

Fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating Soldiers' graves.

Three thousand dollars, to defray town expenses.

Two thousand five hundred dollars for highway repairs.

Two thousand dollars for breaking roads during the past winter.

Five thousand dollars to pay on indebtedness.

Five hundred dollars for the support of schools, in addition to that prescribed by law.

It was voted to indefinitely postpone article relating to the purchase of a road machine, the building of a lobby and delivery of blank inventories prior to the 20th of March.

INVENTORY.

24,935 acres of land.....	\$773,31
417 horses	22,506
287 oxen	13,687
611 cows	13,905
397 sheep	1,471
566 other neat stock	11,627
22 hogs	202
6 mules	410
167 dogs	<hr/>
80 carriages.....	5,004
Stocks in public funds.....	5,200
Bank stock and other corporations	78,756

Money on hand and at interest	56,612
Stock in trade.....	37,390
Machinery.....	8,750
Assessed valuation.....	\$1,089,616.00
Rate	2 per cent
Taxes levied on	608 polls
Number of woodchucks on which a bounty has been paid....	876

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

[L.S.]

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Wolfeborough qualified to Vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said town on the SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH NEXT, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.
- 3d. To choose three Selectmen for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To choose a Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary officers, for the year ensuing.
- 5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray town expenses.
- 6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay on its indebtedness.
- 7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to break roads the past winter.
- 8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school purposes, in addition to that prescribed by law.
- 9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways.

10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay each fireman legally returned, in addition to that allowed by law, agreeable to a petition signed by C. F. Piper and others.

11th. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a road machine.

12th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen not to assess any tax upon the bonds of the Wolfeborough Steam Power Company for the remainder of the term of ten years from the first of February, 1884.

Also to see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to abate any tax or taxes uncollected, which were assessed for the year 1884 upon the bonds of the Wolfeborough Steam Power Company.

And also to see if the town will refund to holders of the bonds of the Wolfeborough Steam Power Company the taxes paid by them on said bonds for the year 1884, agreeable to petition by A. W. Durgin and others.

13th. To see if the town will vote to reduce Cook's Hill and raise the bridge over the stream near Fernald's Corner, and also to see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for that purpose, agreeable to petition signed by Benjamin F. Parker and others.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, 1885.

JONAS W. PIPER, }
JOHN L. GOLDSMITH, } Selectmen of
WILLIAM B. HODGE, } Wolfeborough.

A true copy. Attest:

JONAS W. PIPER, }
JOHN L. GOLDSMITH, } Selectmen of
WILLIAM B. HODGE, } Wolfeborough.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

RECEIPTS.

To Amount from Treasurer, 1883.....	\$3,590 61
“ “ Billiards and bowling.....	19 00
“ “ County pauper bills.....	940 04
“ “ Insurance, tax.....	4 50
“ “ Railroad tax.....	148 83
“ “ Savings Bank tax.....	966 44
“ “ Literary fund.....	206 08
“ “ Rent of Kimball pasture.....	15 00
“ “ Bounty on crows.....	21 90
“ “ Mary E. Stevens for support of Edwin G. Hartshorn.....	36 15
“ “ Unpaid highway tax, 1883.....	46 96
“ “ Assessments 1884.....	19,969 76
“ “ Non-resident assessment.....	3,197 36
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	\$29,162 63

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.		CR.
Paid	State tax	2,240 00
"	County tax	5,362 27
"	Bonds, redeemed	4,600 00
"	Interest on bonds	3,045 87
"	School district assessments	760 00
"	District School money	2,924 63
"	County pauper bills	807 66
"	Town pauper bills	825 29
"	Summer highway bills	431 06
"	Winter highway bills	2,054 89
"	Non-resident highway tax worked out	317 76
"	Religious societies	78 61
"	Fire department	712 00
"	Public water	14 00
"	Dog damage to sheep	79 00
"	Lumber for bridges	220 97
"	Police department	29 00
"	Miscellaneous	584 14
"	Abatements, 1884	237 69
"	New street	452 00
"	Red Brook, stone bridge	76 07
"	Stone bridge, South Wolfeborough	82 25
"	Town officers	953 50
	BALANCE, in Treasurer's hands	2,273 97
		<hr/> \$29,162 63

IRA BANFIELD, Treasurer.

The undersigned, have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer, for the financial year, ending March 1, 1885, and find the foregoing statements of the receipts and expenditures of the town, to be properly vouched, and correctly cast.

O. F. WHITTON, }
A. A. FULLERTON, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WOLFEBORO,' FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1884.

To paid State Tax	22 40
" County Tax	5362 27
	<u>\$7602 27</u>

PAID ON INDEBTEDNESS.

Paid Bonds Redeemed	4600 00
" Interest on Bonds	3045 87
	<u>\$7645 87</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS.

Paid District No 2	75 00
" " No 9	85 00
" " No 17	600 00
	<u>\$760 00</u>

PUBLIC WATER.

Paid John H. Young	3 00
" Andrew B Tibbetts	1 50
" John C. Edgerly	3 00
" Robert W. Hill	1 50
" Charles E. Lucas	3 00
" B. F. Mason	2 00
	<u>\$14 00</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Paid District No 1	156 30
" " " 2	330 93
" " " 3	121 07
" " " 4	153 52
" " " 5	104 49
" " " 6	123 09
" " " 7	52 46
" " " 8	184 62
" " " 9	70 40
" " " 13	253 61

Paid	Dist.	No 15	135	44
"	"	" 17	1098	58
"	"	" 18	128	40
"	"	Ossipee	5	28
"	"	Brookfield	6	41
			<hr/>	
			\$2924	63

DOG DAMAGE.

Paid	Daniel E. Morgan	5 00
"	Monroe F. Nute	12 00
"	Charles A. Whitton	40 00
"	Henry A. Clow	10 00
"	Brackett F. Cotton	5 00
"	William M. Whitton	7 00
		<hr/> \$79 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine Co., No 1	360 00
“ “ “ “ 2	352 00
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	\$712 00

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS. TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid J. M. Kimball f'y	124 91	Paid Mary E Bickford	147 00
" Oliver E. Clough	35 05	" Geo. A. & Cora J.	
" Almira Copp	42 63	" Eaton	77 57
" Henry H. Bickford	33 50	" Eli. B. Kenney f'y	96 52
" Frank Henshaw	51 50	" Jeremiah W.	
" Charles M. Stevens	33 65	" Dearborn	11 50
" John Lock	5 00	" George O. Hatch	156 00
" Chas. E. Gerald's f'y	63 97	" Hamilton Lock f's	211 25
" Joshua Fullerton	122 00	" Woodbury Garland	41 95
" John H. Tebbetts	8 00	" Albert Thompson's	
" Daniel Copp	75 56	" child	13 50
" Betsy Sargent	53 24	" Bertie P. George	45 00
" Betsy Birdstead	104 00	" Thomas P. Eicker	25 00
" A. W. Maserve	18 50		
" E. G. Hartshorn	36 15		
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	\$807 66		\$825 29

Abatements, Geo. W. Bassett's list 1884	\$237 69
Non-resident highway tax worked out	\$317 76

LAYING OUT NEW STREET.

Paid J W Goodwin, for damage to land and build- ings.....	250 00
" Wm. C. Thompson, land damage.....	200 00
" R. R. Davis, surveying.....	2 00
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	\$452 00

LUMBER FOR BRIDGES.

Paid C. S. Paris	16 20	" N. T. Brewster	13 00
" Wm. L. Hill	6 48	" C. S. Paris	25 00
" Hersey Bros.	12 76	" Libbey, Varney	
" Moses Thompson	12 80	& Co. 1880	18 00
" V. B. Willey	3 16	" " "	73 52
" " "	2 46	" J. H. Martin	2 00
" " "	32 32	" J. L. Peavey & Co	2 64
" " "	63		<hr/>
			\$220 97

POLICE BILLS.

Paid Ansil W. Durgin	3 00	" Obed S. Young	3 00
" A. H Bickford	3 00	" Frank Heath	3 00
" Edgar Thompson	3 00	" Chas. H. Guptil	3 00
" Anson E. Smith	3 00	" Henry Lucas	2 00
" Harry Roberts	3 00		<hr/>
" Fernando Willand	3 00		\$29 00

SUMMER HIGHWAY BILLS.

Paid Dis. No. 4,	24 50	" " 25,	15 39
" " 7,	8 37	" " 27,	3 00
" " 8,	62	" " 28,	10 50
" " 9,	26 60	" " 29,	33 31
" " 10,	7 84	" " 31,	4 51
" " 11,	13 67	" " 35,	28 59
" " 12,	44 75	" " 36,	11 04
" " 13,	9 07	" " 37,	7 87
" " 15,	7 50	" " 38,	25 70
" " 16,	41 62	" " 39,	18 89
" " 19,	11 50	" " 40,	13 33
" " 21,	6 13	" " 42	28 37
" " 22,	11 49		<hr/>
" " 23,	16 90		\$431 06

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	Samuel Jenness Supervisor 1883.....	14 00
"	Ira Banfield Auditor.....	3 00
"	J. H. Martin Auditor.....	3 00
"	Samuel Jenness Supervisor.....	14 00
"	" " ".....	14 00
"	John T. Furber ".....	14 00
"	" " ".....	16 00
"	R. R. Davis Constable.....	16 00
"	" " ".....	10 50
"	" " Fish and Game Warden.....	25 00
"	John C. Drew " ".....	4 50
"	Z. B. Ingalls Constable.....	26 50
"	Forest W. Peavey Town Clerk.....	75 00
"	J. P. Heath Supervisor.....	14 00
"	" " ".....	14 00
"	John G. Cate Superintending School Committee.....	60 00
"	J. W. Piper Selectman.....	114 00
"	J. L. Goldsmith Selectman.....	101 00
"	W. B. Hodge Selectman.....	113 00
"	Overseers of Poor.....	52 00
"	Ira Banfield Treasurer.....	50 00
"	Geo. W. Bassett Collector.....	200 00
		<u>\$953 50</u>

STONE BRIDGE, SOUTH WOLFEBOROUGH.

Paid	for stone	\$60 00
"	E. F. Johnson.....	2 50
"	C. F. Chase	3 75
"	J. H. Rines	2 50
"	J. H. Rust	7 00
"	Thos. E. Mitchell.....	2 50
"	J. W. Piper.....	4 00
		<u>\$82 25</u>

RED BROOK, STONE BRIDGE.

Paid	J. W. Piper.....	20 12
"	J. M. Cate.....	5 00
"	Wm. P. Adams.....	5 00
"	Alonzo Nutt	3 75
"	J. T. Furber	17 00
"	Joseph Morgan.....	10 20

Paid E. E. Cate	14 00
" D. P. Cate	1 00
	<hr/> \$76 07

WINTER HIGHWAY BILLS.

Dist.	Surveyor.	Am't	Dist.	Surveyor.	Am't.
1,	Moses Thompson	68 92	25,	Geo. A. Avery	34 47
2,	B. K. Webster	10 75	26,	V. B. Willey	16 39
4,	D. J. Cotton	48 68	27,	J. F. Estes	91 79
6,	Geo. W. Bassett	84 75	28,	Chas A. Whitton	77 78
7,	John Tibbetts	41 69	29,	J. A. Chamberlin	19 87
8,	Samuel Reynolds	24 33	30,	S P. Shephard	30 40
9,	F. P. Brown	75 17	31,	W L. Hill	43 62
10,	E. E. Cate	51 86	32,	J. T. Furber	23 00
11,	James Roswell	107 48	33,	Wm P. Adams	26 34
12,	Albert W. Cotton	44 30	34,	Geo. C Avery	24 03
13,	C. S. Paris	49 36	35,	J. H. Young	25 89
14,	S. H. Morgan	34 90	36,	J. L. Goldsmith	45 51
15,	S. N. Furber Jr	57 02	37,	M. F. Nute	79 09
16,	Eugene S. Nute	73 68	38,	S. A. Twombly	75 94
17,	H. J. Colman	25 30	39,	F. B. Horn	110 35
19,	Chas. H. Tibbetts	30 09	40,	J. H. Horn	41 12
20,	Alpheus Weeks	78 83	41,	J. C. Canney	12 48
21,	Chas. H. Bennett	72 50	42,	T. J. Bickford Jr	34 62
22,	Chas. F. Blake	51 37	43,	S. Durgin	32 98
23,	Chas. F. Chase	71 91	44,	H. A. Tibbetts	50 96
24,	J. H. Martin	55 37			
					<hr/> \$2054 89

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid 1st Congregational	14 27
" 2nd Congregational	4 52
" " " 1883	7 02
" 1st Christian	5 51
" " " 1883	8 29
" 2nd " "	12 58
" 1st Freewill Baptist	19 08
" 2nd "	4 80
" Methodist	2 54
	<hr/> \$78 61

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. H. Parker, for printing,	25 50
" C. S. Paris, for decorating soldiers graves,	50 00
" R. H. King, return of births and deaths,	10 75

Paid Selectmen bounty on woodchucks,	88 40
“ T. F. Canney, for shade trees,	4 75
“ Henry A. Smith, for Guide Board,	2 75
“ L. T. Haley, Sheriff,	1 50
“ S. D. Edmonds, horse hire for Selectmen	15 00
“ J. G. Cate, for printing and distributing School laws,	2 31
“ Henry Lucas, damage to wagon,	4 25
“ N. H. Scott, return of births and deaths,	14 50
“ J. P. Lovell, for hand cuffs,	8 00
“ P. L. Wiggins, for Guide Board,	25
“ I. B. Manning, for blank books,	3 65
“ F. P. Hobbs, witness in Philbrick case,	6 00
“ F. W. Prindall, for printing town reports,	35 00
“ J. L. Wiggins, damage on highway	100 00
“ Appleton Lamprey, damage to sleigh,	5 00
“ Selectmen cash travelling expenses	13 25
“ Selectmen for dividing school money and assessing district taxes	31 00
“ Selectmen for returning of inventory to Sec- retary of state,	12 00
“ J. W. Piper, for recording Inventory and making Collector book,	5 00
“ J. W. Piper for stationary and postage,	2 13
“ W. B. Hodge, cash paid for witness fees,	20 00
“ Daniel Horn, board Selectmen	8 00
“ “ “ for lodging tramps	1 00
“ Carroll Co., money received of Mary E. Stevens, for support of E. G. Hartshorn	36 15
“ Daniel Coleman, Selectmen's board and office rent	62 00
“ E. C. Banfield, attorney fees,	16 00
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	\$584 14

JONAS W. PIPER, }
 JOHN L. GOLDSMITH, } Selectmen of
 WILLIAM B. HODGE, } Wolfeborough.

WOLFEBOROUGH, March 3, 1885.

The undersigned have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen for the financial year, ending March 1, 1885, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

O. F. WHITTON, }
 A. A. FULLERTON, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the town of Wolfeborough:

The never ceasing course of time has brought us to the close of another school year; at which time I am by Statute, required to report to you the standing of the schools under my charge for the last year.

Wisdom and knowledge as well as virtue and Christianity taught to and diffused among the common people are necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties and as the common school is the best means of instructing it behooves us a town to cherish and support in every way possible the only source from which the larger part of our minor^r can obtain an education I am decided in the opinion, that as a general rule, parents and guardians are negligent in compelling the children committed to their care, to attend school. It is very important that all the children of lawful age should attend every day of school in their district for in most of the districts the terms are very short. One hindrance to the scholars is the frequent change of teachers. I would urge the committee to employ the same teacher in the same school for several years. I take pleasure in stating that I believe the schools as a whole never were in a better condition than during the past year. I have tried to impress on the teachers what was required of them and they have labored faithfully and for the most part enthusiastically to discharge their duties and in many of the schools the scholars quickly caught the enthusiasm manifested by the teachers and the results have been excellent.

I have visited every school as required by law at least twice each term, having made in all 47 visits. Every time I have tried by advice to encourage the pupils to make a more earnest effort. I regret that parents and guardians who are alone responsible for the education of their children, do not take a greater interest in our schools by frequent visits and thus imbue the scholars with a desire to excel.

Absences and tardinesses retard the advancement of schools and should be avoided. The parent who allows or detains a scholar at home should remember that by so doing he will soon be at the foot of his class or in the next class below.

Often the teacher is called slack, good for nothing or accused of partiality when the whole trouble is with the parents.

SCHOOL MEETINGS.

The parents should attend if possible, the annual meetings for the choice of Prudential Committees and exert themselves to elect a committee who is intelligent and takes an interest in the school and will not use his office to favor any clique. I think our school officers as well as teachers are changed too often since the best results have been obtained when the teachers have been employed two or more successive terms.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term of school was taught by Miss Emma J. Davis of Wolfeborough. Miss Davis is a graduate of Wolfeborough High School and was one of the best teachers in town the past season. The fall term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Sadie L. Edgerly of Wolfeborough, who was an active teacher and gave good satisfaction. The next term was begun by Miss Ada E. Whiting of Parsonsfield Me. but owing to sickness, she resigned and the remaining five weeks of the term were kept by Miss L. Maude Cate of Wolfeborough. This was Miss Cate's first school, like Miss Davis she was a graduate of Wolfeboro' High School and the close of her school showed that the scholars made great improvement.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT No. 2 BY C. H. PARKER, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the School Committee of the town of Wolfeborough for the year 1884-1885.

The Schools in District No. 2, have labored under the disadvantage of want of sufficient public funds to sustain them the number of weeks that would be profitable. This was in part compensated by contributions from a portion of the citizens, sufficient to continue the Grammar Department eight weeks longer than it could otherwise have continued. The Primary Department labored under the additional misfortune of an unsuitable place in which to hold its sessions. With these exceptions the schools have been as prosperous as could be reasonably expected and the results highly satisfactory to the Board of Education in this district.

The Primary Department was under the instruction of Miss Annie I. Warren of this town. Miss Warren had had some previous experience in this school, which served her well during the present year. She had learned something of the difficulties under which an attempt is made "to learn the young idea how to" *begin* "to shoot." She came into the school evidently believing that "success is a duty" and with a full determination that the duty should be faithfully performed, so far as she was concerned; and it gives the writer great pleasure to say that the result was highly satisfactory. At the end of the spring term her best class was deemed sufficiently advanced to be put into the Grammar Department, and at the commencement of the next term of public school, they were admitted to that Department. The Spring term of the Primary school continued eleven weeks, commencing April 21st. Whole number of names on the roll 22. Branches taught, Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, and Penmanship.

The second or Fall term, commenced Sept. 15th and continued twelve weeks. No. on the roll 19, not including the class sent into the Grammar Department. The whole number of different scholars in this school during the year was 26. That some interest in the school was taken by the citizens is shown by the record of 22 visitors during the two terms.

The Grammar Department was under the same instruction as during the two years previous, Miss Sadie O. Mason of Tamworth. Miss Mason's good judgment, excellent preparation and long experience in the school room qualify her in an eminent degree for the position of teacher, with all that the term implies as used in connection with our common schools. She has the happy faculty of governing well without severity; winning and retaining the confidence and esteem of her pupils she is able to secure obedience from a love for it. She has a method of infusing a degree of animation into her exercises that is not often met with in country schools. She endeavors to make her pupils thorough in what they undertake; believing that quality is better than quantity. The 1st term of this school commenced April 21st, and closed July 3d, 11 weeks. Whole number of names on the roll 27. Visitors during the term 24. The 2nd term commenced Sept. 15 and continued 10 weeks, the expense of 8 of the 10 weeks being paid by citizens, the other two from the public school money. This was in some respects the most prosperous term of the three. The number on the roll 35, nearly all of whom were constant in their attendance. Visitors during the term 15.

The 3d term commenced Dec. 1st and continued 10 weeks.

No. on the roll 33. Visitors 11. Branches taught, each term, Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, History, Book Keeping, Algebra.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Etta Rust of Wolfeboro' who has taught several terms in town, and is a quiet, pains taking teacher. Her school compared favorably with other schools. The winter term was taught by Miss Emma J. Davis. Under her instruction the scholars made wonderful progress particularly in spelling.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Mrs. Ada E. Abbott of Wolfeboro' taught the summer term of school in this district. The teacher was well qualified to instruct the scholars but near the close of the term the best of feeling did not prevail and many were dissatisfied through no fault of the teacher. Henry G. Horn of Wolfeboro' taught the winter term. He had already taught the school several terms. The same unruly spirit which characterized the summer term was exhibited in this and some of the scholars left without just cause I think.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Both terms of school in this district were taught by Miss Abbie A. Whitton of Wolfeboro'. The school was small so it was impossible for the teacher to make the display which some of the other teachers were able to do. At the end of the second term the examinations were commendable and gave proof of the patience and untiring effort of the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 6.

This school for the entire year (three terms) was under the charge of Miss Clara Bassett of Wolfeboro' who had taught the school before. Miss Bassett has a quiet persuasive way which brings every pupil under her control. At the close of each term the scholars showed their careful training and had made good advancement in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The summer term was taught by Miss Emma Flood of Buxton Me. Miss Flood gave ample proof of being well qualified to teach for the order was excellent and the recitations good. The

fall term was taught by Miss Etta Rust, who taught the summer term in District No. 3, and is a first class teacher. The winter term was under the charge of Mr. Sherman E. Piper of Parsonsfield Me. Mr Piper had taught the school the previous winter and took up the work where it was left by the former teacher and being acquainted with his pupils they made rapid progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Miss Evelyn Avery taught the first six weeks of this school. This was Miss Avery's first term and was an excellent beginning. The scholars were instructed for the remaining eight weeks by Mrs. Mary A. Nute who is a graduate of Boston Mass. High School, and both this and former terms were satisfactory alike to parents and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Mr. Pierce A. Horn of Wolfeboro' had charge of the summer term of school which was the largest ungraded school and the scholars showed the least ambition of any in town. Owing to an ill feeling among the parents he was not as successful as he otherwise would have been. The winter term was under the direction of Mr. Harry C. Rankins of Rochester N. H. Mr. Rankins taught the winter term of school last year to the satisfaction of all. He has a good deal of perseverance and vigorously applied himself to the work to lift the school to a higher plane and in a measure succeeded.

DISTRICT No. 15.

The summer term in this district was under the instruction of Miss Annette L. Horn of Wolfeborough. Miss Horn has had great experience and is a faithful industrious teacher. The term was a broken one owing to an epidemic. Miss Etta F. Mason taught the second term. When I visited the school near the beginning of the term I found some of the scholars whom I expected to see were absent and a lack of cordiality on the part of others. I made inquiries and learned bitter feeling existed among the parents against the teacher. At the close of the school I found the scholars had not made the advancement which they ought to have made. The order was lax and the instruction superficial; nevertheless Miss Mason's register was filled out better than any other returned to me.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Mr. H. H. Tucker Principal High School. Miss Marion Piper Teacher Grammar School. Miss Mary E. Avery Teacher Intermediate School. Miss Sadie E. Haley, Primary School.

The school year commences the first Monday in September, consisting of three terms of twelve weeks in each grade.

Progress has been made in all the schools during the year—yet it is not what it should be, one cause of which is a tendency on the part of parents to allow their children to be absent from school without sufficient reason, and to constantly annoy teachers with excuses, not realizing that the lesson from which their children are absent, if they are ever learned, must be made up at the expense of the school.

Said Webster: “Open the door of the School-house to all the children of the land. Let no man have the excuse of poverty for not educating his own children. Place the means of education within his reach, and if they remain in ignorance, be it his own reproach. If one object of the expenditure of your revenue be protection against crime, you could not desire a cheaper means of obtaining it. On the diffusion of knowledge among the people rests the preservation and perpetuation of our free institutions.”

This is but one of the many sayings that might be mentioned of the importance of Education.

It is to us as agents for the carrying out of this purpose, that the common schools demand the best attention and interest of all citizens.

DISTRICT No. 18.

The first term was under the charge of Miss Alice M. Tibbetts of Wolfboro'. At the end of the term the pupils gave evidence of a pleasant and profitable term. Mr. Pierce A. Horn taught the winter term and applied himself to the work with good results.

I have made above such remarks as seemed to me wise in the present state of public feeling and hope that all will try to make the coming year more profitable than the past. I append hereto some statistics, which I trust will prove of interest and respectfully submit the whole as my report.

Terms.	Length in weeks.	Wages	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition	Physiology.	Book-keep'g	Algebra.	Philosophy.
1	9	5.00	13	13	12	12	11	1						
2	10	5.00	12	12	11	11	8	1						
3	8	5.50	12	12	12	12	8	1						
District No. 2.														
1	11	5.00	22	22	22	8								
2	12	5.00	19	19	19	12								
1	11	8.00	27	27	27	27	27	12	5					
2	10	8.00	35	35	35	35	35	12	5					
3	10	8.00	33	33	33	33	30	12	5					
District No. 3.														
1	8	6.00	15	14	6	6	3	3	3					
2	11	6.00	17	17	4	11	5	3	1					
District No. 4.														
1	8	6.00	22	22	12	19	7	5				1		
2	13	6.97	21	21	2	21	10	6	1					
District No. 5.														
1	7	5.00	6	6		4	3	1				1		
2	12	5.00	5	7	3	6	3	3						
District No. 6.														
1	6	5.00	16	16	11	13	9	3						
2	6	5.00	16	16	11	13	9	4						
3	13	5.00	17	17	17	17	8	4				1		
District No 8														
1														
2														
3														
Register not returned.														
District No 9														
1	14	4.50	9	9	4	9	4	3						
District No 13														
1	10	8.00	32	32	12	17	7	7			1	6		
2	12½	12.00	36	36	36	25	10	17		9				
District No 15														
1	8	6.00	12	12	6	8	6	7	4		2	3	3	1
2	14	5.25	22	22	20	20	8	18	5	8	4	3	6	2
Dist. No. 17, no report from school board.														
District No 18														
1	5	3-5	5.50	17	15	6	10	7	3			2		
2	13	7.00	21	21	15	15	8	6	1					

The per cent of all the scholars in the above districts, attending school, is .76

JOHN G. CATE, Sup't School Committee.



